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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, MARR, UN, WA, SW
SUBJECT: SWEDISH PARTICIPATION IN UN FORCE IN NAMIBIA

1. ACTING HEAD OF MFA UN DIVISION, JAN AF SILLEN, INFORMED
POLOFF THAT GOS HAD RECEIVED ON JULY 19 AN INFORMAL COMMUNICATION
FROM UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA INQUIRING WHETHER AND TO WHAT
EXTENT SWEDEN WOULD BE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN A UN OPERATION
IN NAMIBIA. ACCORDING TO MFA INFORMATION, UN COMMISSIONER
WAS SOUNDING OUT FINNS AND CANADIANS AS WELL AS SWEDES.
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2. MFA OFFICERS HAVE BEEN MEETING PAST TWO DAYS TO PREPARE
RESPONSE. SWEDES, OF COURSE, WOULD LIKE TO BE HELPFUL (SEE
TEXT OF ACTING FM ULLSTEN'S STATEMENT, SPTL) BUT ARE RUNNING
INTO PROBLEMS IN ORGANIZING A THIRD UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE.
SWEDES ALREADY HAVE ONE PEACEKEEPING BATTALION IN THE MIDDLE EAST
AND ONE IN CYPRUS. SWEDISH LAW PERMITS DETACHMENT OF

ONLY TWO BATTALIONS (MAXIMUM OF 1600 MEN) TO UN SERVICE AT ANY ONE TIME. SWEDES ARE NOW DISCUSSING HOW THIS LEGISLATION MIGHT BE CIRCUMVENTED TO PERMIT A FORTHCOMING RESPONSE AS REGARDS NAMIBIA. A FURTHER PRACTICAL PROBLEM PINPOINTED BY MFA OFFICERS IS THAT NAMIBIAN SITUATION REQUIRES A RELATIVELY LARGE NUMBER OF ACTIVE-DUTY OFFICERS. SWEDISH MILITARY IS CONFRONTING AN OFFICER SHORTAGE AND THOSE AVAILABLE ARE NEEDED AT HOME FOR TRAINING OF CONSCRIPTS.

3. UN COMMISSIONER QUERIED TO WHAT EXTENT SWEDES WOULD BE ABLE TO SUPPLY POLICE AND CIVILIAN ELECTION SUPERVISORS. AF SILLEN NOTED THAT CIVILIANS WOULD BE EASIER TO FIND AND DISPATCH IN TIMELY FASHION.

4. AF SILLEN NOTED THAT MFA HAS RECEIVED VARYING REPORTS FROM SWEDISH EMBASSIES IN CONCERNED CAPITALS. EMBASSIES IN WESTERN FIVE COUNTRIES WAX OPTIMISTICALLY. REPORTS FROM SOUTH AFRICA AND LUANDA, HOWEVER, CONVEY CONFUSION, INDICATING AN ABSENCE OF CLARITY AS TO WHAT SWAPO ACTUALLY AGREED TO. AF SILLEN INQUIRED AS TO WHETHER EMBASSY HAD ANY CLARIFYING INFORMATION. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE. KENNEDY-MINOTT

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